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Oh, Joe & Lola!

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Your Buccaneer Softball 2000
Media and Fan Guide



The Devil Made Them Do It! Josh McIlwain as Joe Hardy and Jessica Stomps as Lola star in Shelton's production of the Broadway hit musical *Damn Yankees*, April 12-16. Lola is sent by Mr. Applegate (the devil himself, to be played by Glen Johnson) to seduce homerun hitter Joe Hardy

By Jessica Smith

Take me out to the ball game.
Take me out with the crowd. Buy me
some peanuts and Cracker Jacks. I
don't care if I ever get back. Oh, it's
root, root, root, for the Senators.....

The Senators? Yes, the Wash-
ington Senators are back and ready
to take on those *Damn Yankees*!

Auditions for Shelton State's
Damn Yankees were held on Feb. 7
and 8, with an outstanding turnout
from Shelton students and faculty,
as well as people from all over the
community. Competition for a role
proved to be tedious as those who
auditioned impatiently waited for
the cast list to be posted Feb. 11.

"There's something very ex-

citing about doing musicals. Music tends
to be directly tied to emotions. Music
makes you feel good, and *Damn Yankees*
is definitely a feel-good musical," said
Michael Carr, director of *Damn Yankees*.

Jessica Stomps, a freshman theatre
major at Shelton, said auditions were
"tough competition," but she had no prob-

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Learn to drive the big Cats on the Fredd campus

While the big machines
turned and dug and spun and
lifted in the background, Shel-
ton President Tom Umphrey
and other college and state
officials thanked the Alabama
Department of Economic and
Community Affairs for its
\$1.3 million grant for heavy
equipment.

Roy Pugh, instructor in
the heavy equipment opera-
tor program, was very glad to
see—and hear—the big ma-
chines rumbling. "This is just
what we needed. We have to
keep the students on the ma-
chines as much as possible so

they'll learn all they can be-
fore they get a job. Now we
can keep them all going all the
time."

The heavy equipment in
the grant consists of bulldoz-
ers, frontend loaders, back-
hoes, two motor graders and a
crane.

"We appreciate the help
ADECA has given us," said
Umphrey. "Last year repre-
sentatives of the construction
industry in the state ap-
proached the college about the
growing need for trained

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While the big machines motored along in the background, Shelton President Tom Umphrey (L), School Board Member Sandra Ray, Roland Pugh and Assistant to the President Rick Rogers

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Be Found Nowhere Else

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ogy, as it helps the student un-
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part of the future in salon busi-
ness," said Shirley Nix, chair of
Cosmetology. The Cyber Imag-
ing hairstyle computer system
recently obtained by Shelton,

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Prez Watch '00

By Chris Bunn

"I don't think about the candidates, I have other issues on my mind. Until the ballot is put in my hand, I probably won't know who I am going to vote for," said Amber Richards, a student at Shelton State. This seems to be the responding thought at the college, though if put to a vote most would make a choice.

When asked whom they would vote for at this moment, 44% of the students surveyed chose George W. Bush(R). Vice President, Al Gore (D) meanwhile, only had 26% of the vote, John McCain(R), who has kept up with Bush quite well in the primaries, only got a 4% vote here. Bill Bradley(D), Al Gore's competition, also got a 4% vote. What's surprising is that Gary Bauer(R), who has since dropped out of the race got 6% of the vote of the students surveyed. Steve Forbes got no vote, but that's okay; it's a tax write-off. Of the students surveyed, 14% gave no response and 2% had a write in (for Donald Trump).

Although Bush is in the lead, it looks as though McCain is doing quite well in the presidential race. Bush has to put up a pretty good fight to keep himself afloat. Bill Bradley, on the

other hand, is falling behind Gore in the primaries.

When talking about presidents, you are talking about politics. What do the students here think about politics? The majority of the students think that politics are "OK" (66% of the vote). "Don't care" was the response of 14% of the students taking part in the survey. With the same amount of the vote, is the response "Don't like politics." Next in line is "love it," which got 4% of the vote. Only 2% of the students responded with "Hate it."

What is the most important trait for a president to have? Honesty, according to 62% of students taking part in the poll. Also important, is intelligence, which got 28% of the vote. Public speaking, ironically, got only 6% of the vote, so it's okay for our president to get nervous when he gives the State of Union address. Not responding were 2% of the students polled. Other got 2% of the vote as well, while toughness, got no vote.

So what does all this tell? It looks like Bush is going to have to be an honest president, who is somewhat intelligent. He will not have to speak well in public, because almost everybody thinks that politics is only all right.

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heavy-equipment operators. There is currently a shortage of skilled heavy-equipment operators in our state. ADECA supported our efforts in getting this heavy equipment operator program started. When the program became viable, the college became eligible to apply for the next step, all the equipment needed for the program. None of this would be possible without the assistance of ADECA.

Also speaking at the announcement

was Shelton alumnus and construction firm owner Roland Pugh.

Pugh thanked Shelton for responding to the need within his profession and pledged his support of this and all other Shelton endeavors.



"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



The North Star

I hope that you are enjoying this near spring-like weather that we are having by being outside especially during our cool, clear evenings! Looking south you will find the mighty hunter -- Orion -- and his two hunting dogs -- Canis Minor ("little dog") and Canis Major ("big dog"). The three bright stars of Orion's belt make him easy to find, and the bright, blue star Sirius or "dog star" helps one to locate Canis Major, Orion's largest hunting dog.

Perhaps, you may be planning an extensive backpacking trip,

canoe outing, or camping trip with our nice weather, and it is always wise to be able to locate the North Star if one were to get turned around in the woods. All boy and girl scouts learn to find the North Star to earn various badges. Since Earth's axis points toward the North Star, it will always be in the same location at a certain latitude and is sometimes called the "pole star" or, officially, Polaris.

To locate the North Star, simply look North and find the most familiar constellation in the sky -- the Big Dipper or, officially called

Ursa Major. During February the handle will be pointing towards the ground with the bowl of the dipper up above it. Draw an imaginary line through the two end stars in the bowl (sometimes called the "pointer stars") and follow this line to the left of the bowl to the first star. This star is the North Star and is on the end of the handle of the Little Dipper or Ursa Minor which can be seen on a really dark night. Keep looking up, enjoy our great weather and learn to locate the North Star, so that you can always find your way in the woods!

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Man of La Mancha opens

Man of La Mancha opens at the Bean-Brown Theatre February 25 with performances running through March 5. Based on Miguel De Cervantes' book, *Don Quixote*, the story is a hard-driving, often rough-talking, compassionate lyric drama. Directed by Paul Looney, the production features Benjamin Middaugh in the title role. Musical director is Milke Taylor, choreographer is Susan Looney, scenic designer is John Ross, costumer is Daryl Harris and lighting designer is Erin Hisey. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Theatre Tuscaloosa box office, 391-2277.

Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to 8 more issues this school year: two each are scheduled for March and April. One each month is scheduled for May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier On-line* at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

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urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

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lems *stealing* the lead role, *Lola*. "I have my work cut out for me," said Stomps, as she prepares to take on the sexy, seductive role of *Lola*. Stomps's sister, Beth, landed a lead role in Theatre Tuscaloosa's production of *Man of La Mancha* opening Feb. 25 in the Bean-Brown Theatre.

Josh McIlwain, a (first or second) year student at Shelton, *caught* the role of the star baseball player *Joe Hardy*. "This is my first major role since high school. I'm nervous, but very excited," said McIlwain.

Also landing lead roles in the spring musical include Dr. Jim Kenny and Mr. Glen Johnson. Do the names sound familiar? Well they should because both are staff members at Shelton State. Kenny, a Communication instructor and publisher of the Shelton State Courier, landed the role of *Van Buren*, the Washington Senators manager. "I've been a big fan of theatre all my life and love to sing. I look

forward to the production and know that it will be a lot of fun," said Kenny.

And if you've ever been in the library, you've surely come across Johnson. He snatched the role of *Mr. Applegate*, and for those who don't know much about the show, *Applegate* is the devil. Johnson has graced the stage several times, including playing the role of *Editor Webb* in Shelton's 1998 production of *Our Town*, and has appeared in numerous Theatre Tuscaloosa shows. "I enjoy working with Michael Carr and look forward to working with a new cast. I better start learning my lines," said Johnson.

Now that the show is cast and rehearsals are underway, the Washington Senators prepare to bring home a victory. With such a talented cast, *Damn Yankees* is sure to be a *hit*. The season starts on April 12 and runs through the 16 at the Bean-Brown Theatre.

...If they don't win it's a shame. For it's one, two, three strikes you're out, at the old ball game. Hey!

Cast List for *Damn Yankees*

Charles Prosser as Joe Boyd
Jennifer McGuff as Meg Boyd

Glen Johnson as Mr. Applegate
Laurie Carr as Sister
Tammy Brown as Doris
Josh McIlwain as Joe Hardy
Eric Curtis as Henry
Russ Frost as Shovik
Tyler Jolly as Smokey
Brady Wilson as Liville
Jim Kenny as Van Buren
Randy Shoemaker as Rocky
Mary Kathryn Perkins as Gloria Thorpe

Amanda Anderson as Lynch
Wescott Youngson as Welch
Michael Sullivan as Bryant
Jessica Stomps as Lola
Casey Wallace as Bouley
Joshua McCurnin as Lowe
Joe Dodson as Mickey
David Zeiler as Vernon

Emily Nesbitt as Strane
Stephanie Harris as Miss Weston

Chris Miller as Commissioner
Perry Bain as Postmaster
Other baseball players, singers and dancers, husbands and wives, baseball fans, teenagers and reporters: Perry Bain, Eric Curtis, Joe Dodson, Russ Frost, Tyler Jolly, Joshua McCurnin, Chris Miller, Randy Shoemaker, Michael Sullivan, Casey Wallace, Brady Wilson, David Zeiler, Amanda Anderson, Courtney Dies, Stephanie Harris, Sybil Hudson, Lindsey Jacobs, Melanie McDaniel, Gretchen McGinnis, Betsy Meadows, Emily Nesbitt and Erin Jo Vinson

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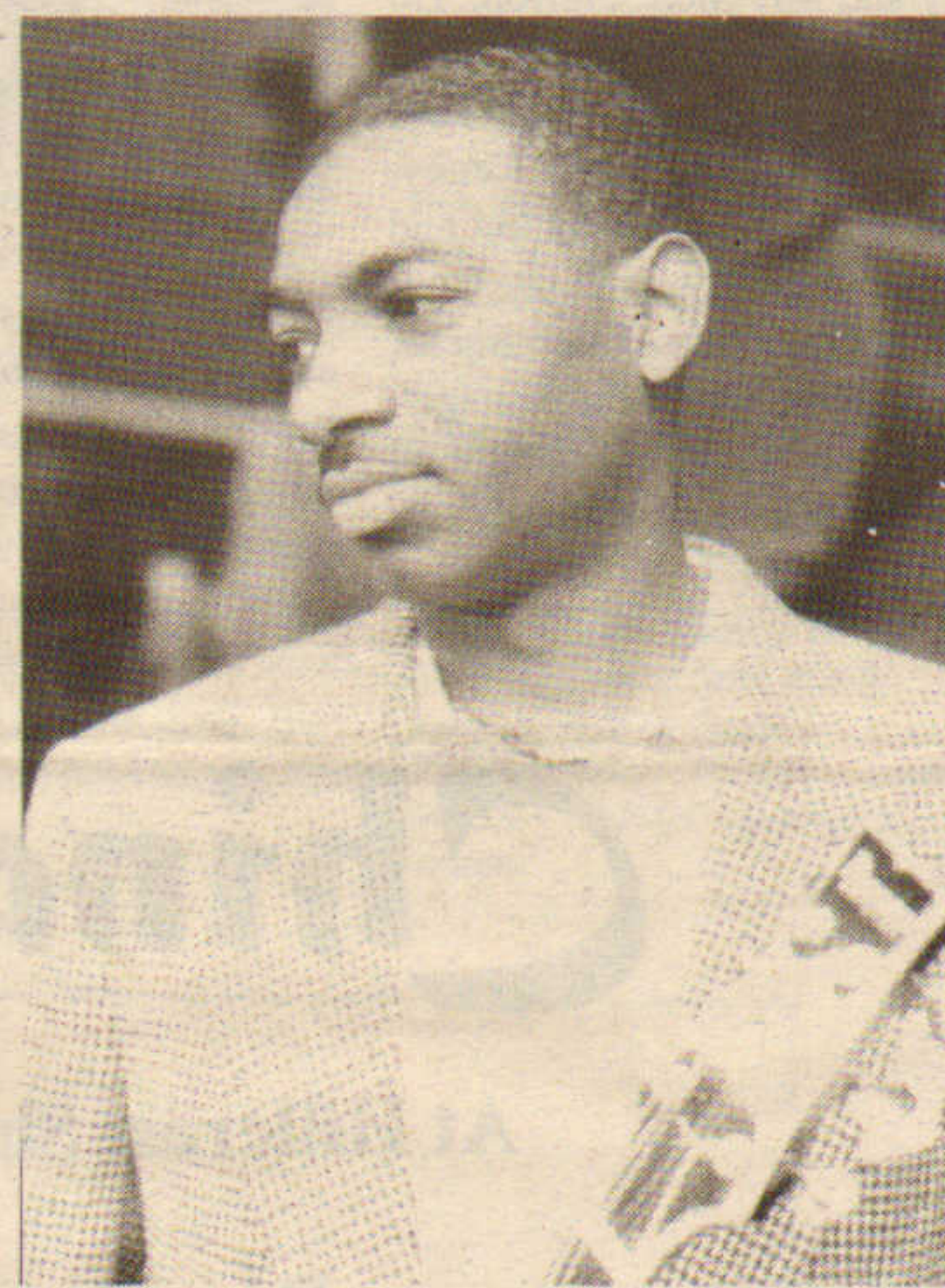
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Shelton announces Black History Month plans

Five events are planned for Shelton State Community College as part of its Black History Month Celebration. Kicking off the college's activities this year will be a motivational talk by a former Alabama tackle Kareem McNeal, on February 23, at 12:30 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall.

McNeal who played football for the Tide 1991-94 is teaching part-time at Shelton State. McNeal holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Alabama. While playing for the University, McNeal was All-Academic SEC and made the Southeastern Conference Scholar Athlete Honor Roll. At Shelton McNeal teaches three courses in weight training in Shelton's Wellness Center.

According to Milady Murphy, director of the Wellness Center, "McNeal is a role model



Keith Williams will be playing at Shelton as part of Black History Month

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Shelton to assist in various reading projects throughout Tuscaloosa

Shelton State will be joining hands with the University of Alabama and Stillman College in assisting with a worthwhile community project.

On Feb. 26 the Shelton State Ambassadors and members of Shelton State's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter will volunteer as guides for the Young Authors' Conference sponsored by the Black Warrior Reading Council. "The conference enables school children from surrounding counties to meet and hear a nationally renown author share his work," states Fran Turner, instructor at Shelton who serves on the conference steering committee. "The children will also have the opportunity to share work they have written and to attend book making workshops." If you are interested

in volunteering with the conference or in sponsoring a child for the conference (\$10), please see Brenda Ryan or Fran Turner.

Another reading opportunity will come on March 2 when Shelton students, faculty, staff and administrators will participate in "Read Across America Day." Anyone interested in reading is invited to visit Shelton's Child Development Center on Thursday to read to the children. Readers can visit for 15 minutes (or longer) anytime between 8 a.m. to noon and between 3 to 5 p.m. Encourage friends and family to participate in this yearly event by sharing a book or poem with a child. The sign up sheet is on Fran Turner's door (2644 Faculty Office Suite). Please call Carolyn Edwards at extension 2225 if you have any questions or concerns.

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for everyone. He is gentle but strong in spirit, and the students absolutely love him. McNeal has gained strength from his own experiences and what he has overcome in his own life. He shares this with the students," Murphy added.

On February 24, Keith Williams, a jazz guitarist, will perform at noon in the Atrium of the Martin Campus along with three other musicians. Like many other southern musicians, Williams began his musical career playing with church choirs at the age of eight.

During the 1980s, Williams joined his first musical group outside the church and began playing with several bands. In 1993 Williams decided to branch out on his own, and this road for him led to jazz. That year his quartet opened concerts for major label acts including Ramsey Lewis, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones and Eric Essix.

In 1995 his talent earned him a scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, where he plunged headlong into the school's

intense curriculum. With this additional experience, Williams financed and produced his first solo CD, which they released on his own independent label. In a few weeks Williams sold nearly 1,000 copies of the self-titled disc. Last fall he released another CD titled "Set the Mood."

Shelton's C.A. Fredd Campus will host a coffee and reception February 28, from 7:30-9 a.m. in the college's Cafetorium for faculty, staff, students, and community leaders. At noon on the same day, the Shelton Singers, under the direction of Glinda Blackshear, will sing a group of spirituals from the second tier balcony

of the Atrium on the Martin Campus.

February 29, Shelton will host student singers from Stillman College as part of the Terrific Tuesday Concert Series. The concert will be at 1 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall on the Martin Campus.

For additional information on Black History Month activities, call Shelton's public relations office, 391-2221.

Foundation scholarships available

The Shelton State Foundation will fund 12 scholarships for the year 2000 -- 2001. Applications for these scholarships are available in the Shelton counseling office, the Foundation office and the main office on the Fredd Campus. Deadline for submitting applications is March 15. The Foundation requires that all scholarship recipients maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Funds for Foundation scholarships are raised through private donations and special fund raising events such as the Barbecue Bash.

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Spring Alumni

Activities set for March and April

The Shelton State Alumni Association plans several events for the Spring semester. March 13, the Alumni Association will hold its annual fun night, entitled this year "Wings and Waterfalls." Dennis Crim will again be the speaker for the evening. More information will follow.

The Annual Meeting of the Shelton State Alumni Association will be held April 25 at 6 p.m. in the D rooms. Great entertainment and good food planned.

Application for Federal Grant was approved

Shelton State was recently notified by Governor Don Siegelman that the college's application for a Federal Enhancement Grant for \$40,000 has been approved for the Beautification of Highway 69 and May Hinton Drive. A special thanks to Senators Phil Poole and Charles Steele and Representative Bryant Melton for their help with this project.

Davis named to Who's Who

Shelton English instructor, Pam Davis, was recently recognized in "Who's Who Among American Teachers." This is the second consecutive year for Davis to be nominated and selected for this honor. Less than two percent of the nation's teachers are multiple year honorees.

Health Fair Coming

The Wellness Center will host its annual Health Fair on March 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kicking off spring break, the Health Fair will have something for everyone. Over 50 booths and vendors will be there. There will be free food and fitness demonstrations. See you there!

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Buccaneers heading for the homestretch

Shelton State's Men's team traveled to Southern Union to take on the division-leading Bison.

In an exciting match-up, the Buccaneers led most of the way. SU made a late rally and threw up a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

The home-court advantage prevailed in the OT period and the Buccaneers fell 91-98. Pokey Bias led Shelton with 22 and Ulysses Jenkins contributed 16.

Another road trip to Hanceville followed on Feb. 10. Again it was a close game, that unfortunately ended with Shelton

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Buccaneer men's squad shows team spirit on and off the court

By David R. Dearman

"Our team is a group of young men who enjoy helping others and giving back to Shelton State community," says Buccaneers head basketball coach, Barry Mohun.

Coach Mohun said, after assessing his recruiting technique, that not only does he look for players who have great basketball skill but also those who have a great personality and a big heart.

The team showed it working through the local Adopt-A-School program. Shelton has the opportunity to work with Faucett-Vestavia Elementary School.

"Basketball Buddies" is a program instituted by the Shelton Adopt-A-School coordinator, Susan Mohun. Coach Mohun believes that this program makes it possible for the children, who in some cases may not have a strong adult influence, to learn from young men who

have been through a great deal in their young lives.

The players focus on aspects in activities sponsored by the school



The Buccaneers participated in Faucett-Vestavia's Turkey Trot

of life that may touch those children soon, or are an influence on them in the present. The athletes cover subjects such as drug abuse, alcoholism and staying in shape. Along with those lessons, the team conveys the idea that everyone can have a good time and enjoy themselves, as long as those same people follow the rules that are in place for all

individuals.

The athletes also participate in activities sponsored by the school

itself. Events such as Jump Rope for Heart and the Turkey Trot Parade. "The Turkey Trot Parade was a special occasion where the boys walked with the children around the school," says Susan Mohun. "The guys were the ring leaders and when the younger kids were tired, they picked them up and held hands with them."

The benefits of this program not only reward the children, but they also affect the players. Coach Mohun believes that the experiences with the children transfers to the basketball court, where the team has had a season full of high points. "The players learn that anything can be accomplished and they learn this lesson from the kids," said Coach Mohun.

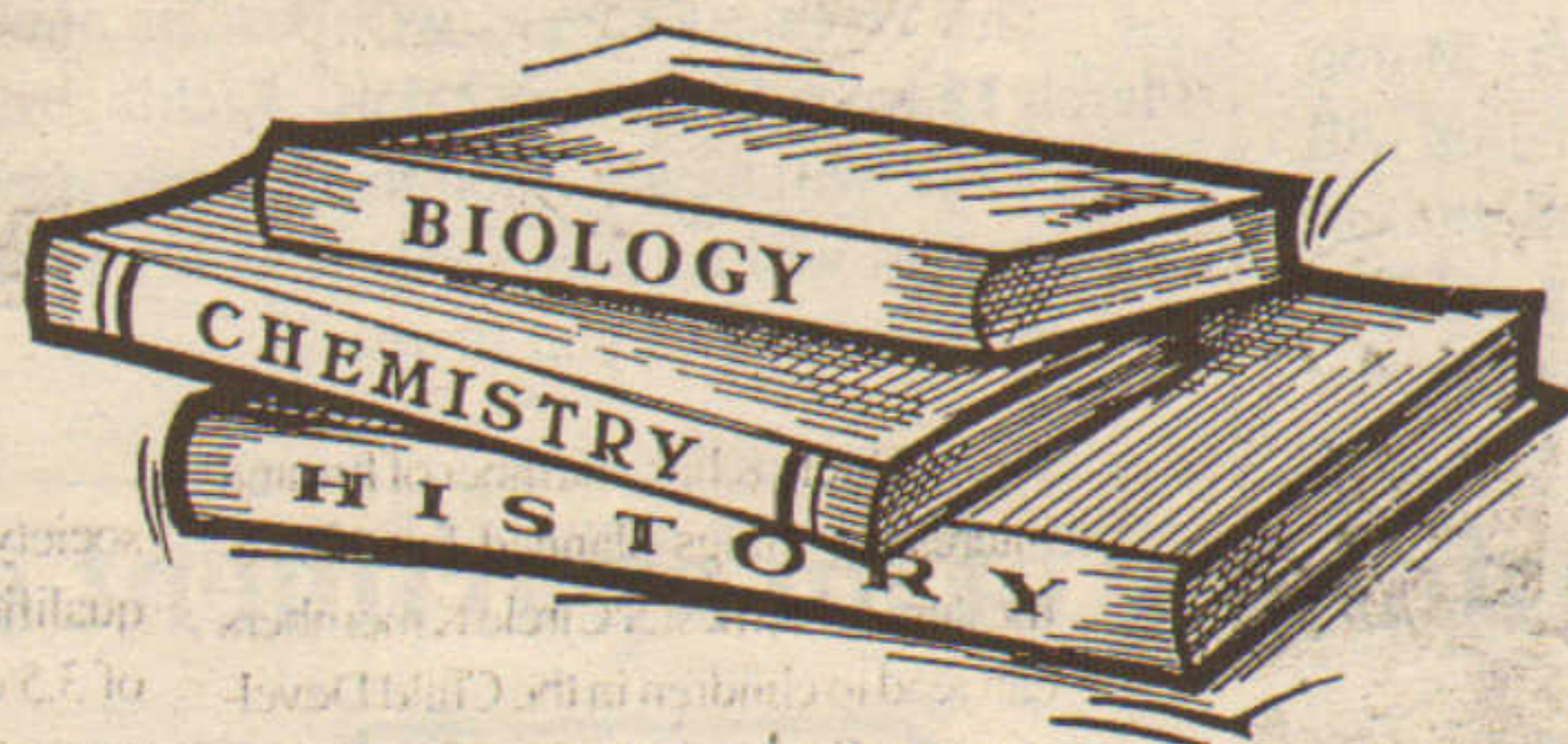
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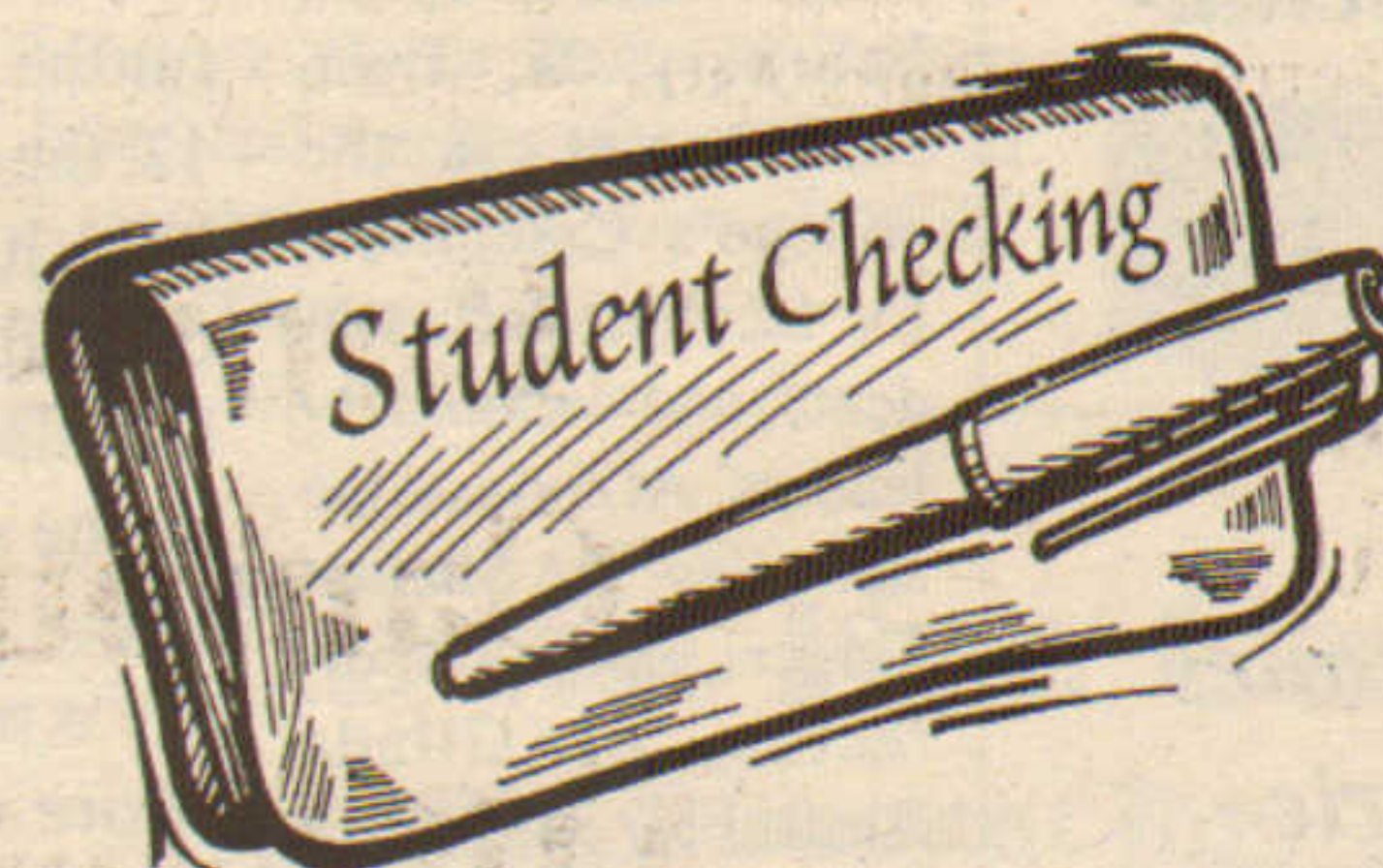
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Home Stretch

falling just short, 78-83.

Glad to be back home, the Buccaneers took care of Snead State on Feb. 12. Ashanti McDonald led Shelton with 18, followed closely by Daniel Ike with 17 and Jenkins with 16. Bias and Rod Montgomery each had 12. The final score was 96-92.

Calhoun came to town with a 22-4 record, 10-1 in the league. Despite a great effort by the Buccaneers, the Warhawks held on for a 72-69 win. Daniel Ike led all scorers with 22, while McDonald tossed in 19.

Bevill-Sumiton comes to Tuscaloosa on Thursday, Feb. 17. The Buccaneers have lost some close games to very highly regarded teams, but they feel confident that they will be ready to contend for the AJCCC Tournament crown on May 1.

Shelton State Buccaneer Basketball

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Adamson, Business Manager - Tennyson Smith, Advisor - Ronald Range.

The African American Cultural Association is a fairly

new organization at Shelton. The meeting times are Thursdays at noon in Room 1412. All students are welcome to join in and participate. Hope to see you there.

Student Government Association



SGA has a variety of activities planned for this semester, one of which include a Club Organizational Fair, where all of the clubs at Shelton will have tables set up in the atrium.

Another exciting event is the Spring Fling, happening in April. Part of the festivities include the 2000 Mr. Debonaire Walk.

Baptist Campus Ministries



If you are interested in Bible studies and a chance to fellowship with students who share your same interests, Baptist Campus Ministries is the place for you.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of DR in the food court area. If anyone has any interest in BCM, contact Jennifer Young, the student minister.

Any other clubs wishing their news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391--2406.



Circle K has a number of fun and interesting things planned for this semester. All semester Circle K members can read to children in the Child Development Center from 9 - 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March 18 is the Pancake Day sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. It will be held at Central East from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. If anyone is interested see a Circle K member for a ticket. They are \$3.

The fourth Wednesday of every month, members will be at the Salvation Army's Fun Night, playing games with children age 6-15 years.

If anyone is interested, meetings are Wednesdays at 12:15 in room 1413. Please come ... we would love to have you.



Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

Phi Theta Kappa recently had an orientation and initiation. Also planned for this semester is the Young Author's Conference on Feb. 26. Phi Theta Kappa's Regional Convention will be March 3 - 5 in Opelika.

PTK is also participating in the "Read Across America Day," where Shelton students, faculty and staff can read to children in the CDC.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of Phi Theta Kappa, please see either Brenda Ryan, Linda Grote or Tracy Branch.

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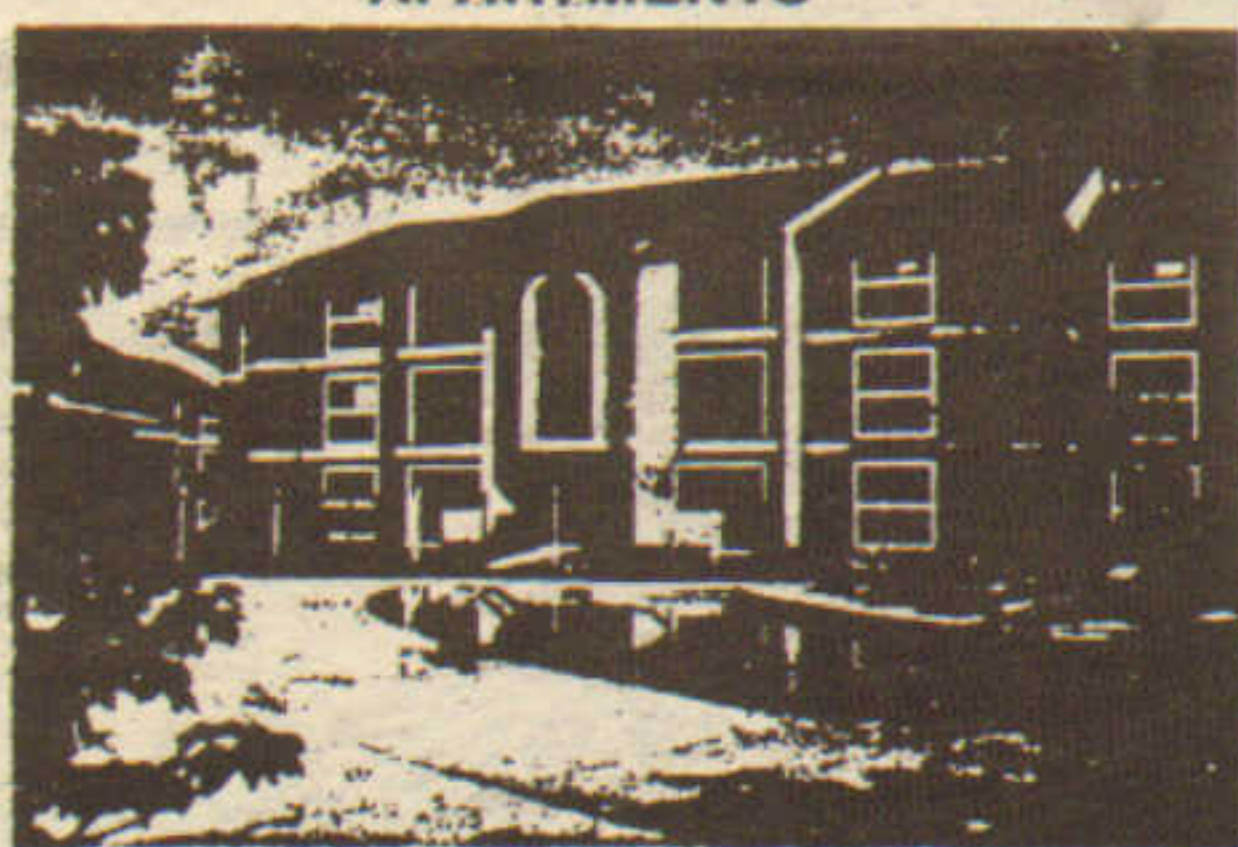
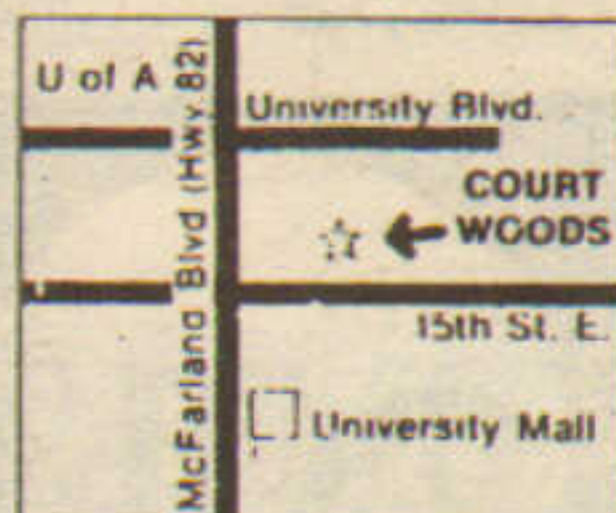


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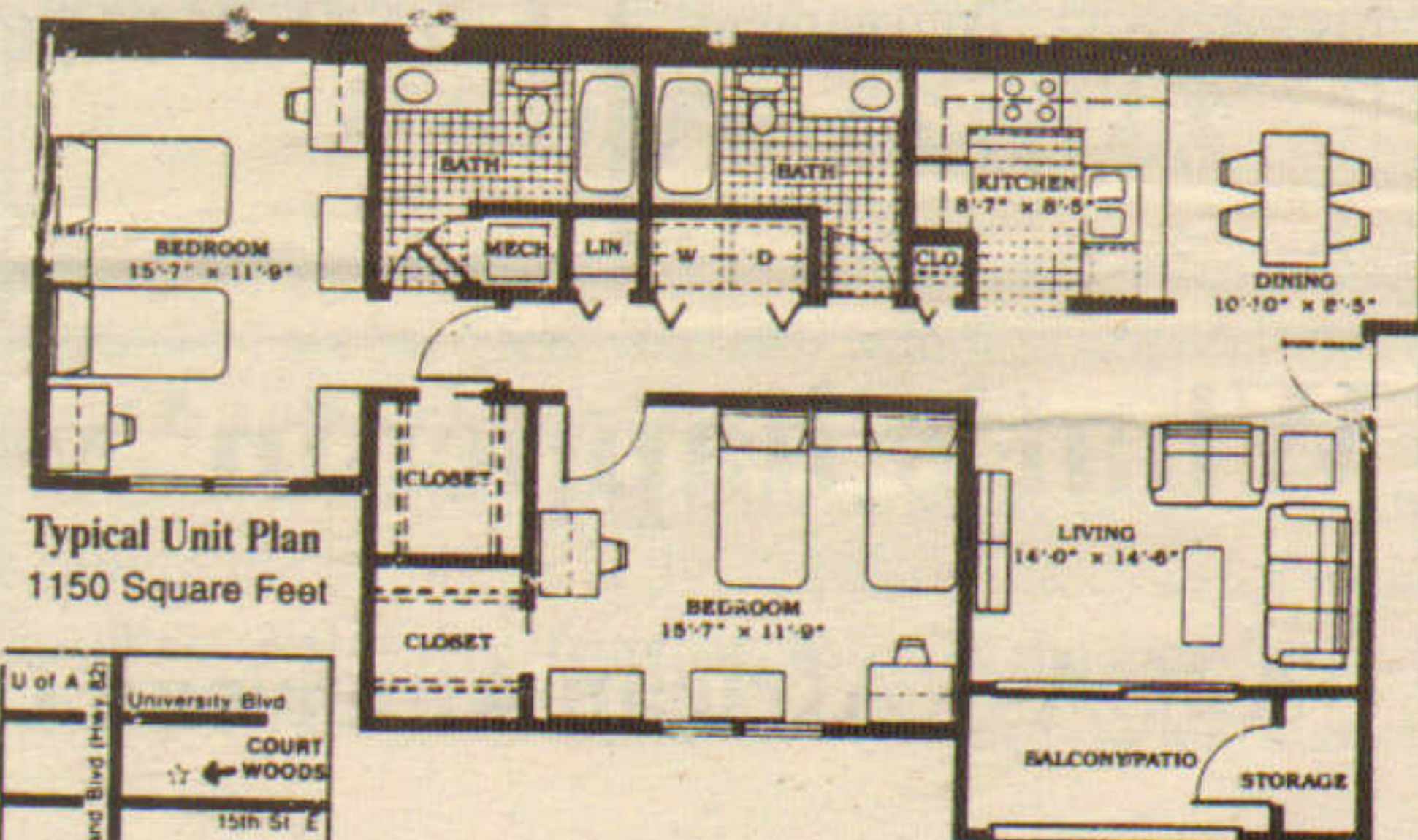
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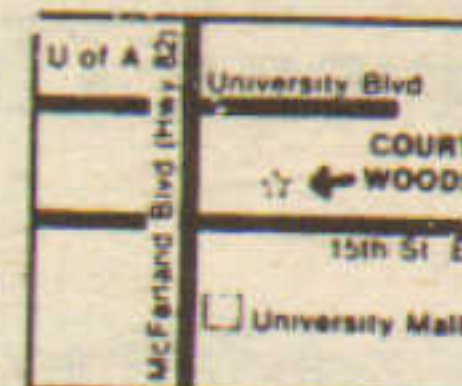
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Buccaneer



Softball

Coach Dixie Terry hopes to get a fast start with her fast-pitch team

Spring is just around the corner, and along with the chirping of birds in the trees and warmer weather, it also brings the beginning of women's fast-pitch softball. With a new season at Shelton comes a new coach for the Shelton State Lady Buccaneers fast-pitch softball team.

Dixie Terry is the first year coach and is the wife of Matt Terry, coach of the golf team. When asked about the growth of women's athletics as a whole, Terry said "Women's athletics have grown tremendously in both participation and popularity over the last five years alone. Fast-pitch softball has really grown and it can only get bigger, better, and more competitive as time goes on."

Shelton is looking to be more competitive this season after a 7-17 mark last year. "We would love to go undefeated, but if we win 25 or more games I will be pleased with our season," said Terry.

Among the strong points of this team is the defense. Cindy Martin, a sophomore center fielder for the Buccaneers, says that "our work ethic is better this year than it was last year." Martin is one of Terry's standout players and says, "I just try to play to the best of my ability every game."

An area of concern for the Buccaneers is hitting. "We have worked on our hitting a lot in the last two weeks of

practice preparing to play Central Alabama Community College, who has the number two pitcher in the nation." Central Alabama as a team is

"We are very excited about our new softball field being built beside the new baseball field that is also under construction. We hope to be able to begin play on it by the halfway point of this season." The Buccaneers currently play at Bowers Park.

ranked number one in the state.

"We played them in the fall and their pitcher, Jennifer Loftin, gave us fits with her rise ball." A rise ball is a pitch that goes straight until it gets to the plate, and then it rises.

"Practices have been productive," says Terry, "although we have had a lot of players out sick. If we can get the hitting together with the defense, then we will be a solid team."

Some highlights of the fall games, called "playdays" included: a doubleheader with Meridian Community College. Shelton took the first game 7-2 then dropped the second 15-7, an 11-0 drubbing of Alabama Southern with Meredith Whitback going 3-3 at the plate and Jamie Crane notching the shutout

with three strikeouts, and a 4-3 victory over Beville State.

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"Fan support is a key factor in all sports. It would mean so much to this team if we could get some fan support to help cheer us on, especially students." So come out and support our Lady Buccaneers this season. Admission is free.

The Lady Buccaneers begin a four game homestand with a matchup against Central Alabama with either Jennifer McCurdy or Jamie Crane slated to start the game at pitcher. "It's hard to choose which one will start at pitcher because they are both playing so well. Whoever doesn't start the first game will start the next," said Terry.

The homestand continues against Jeff Davis on Feb. 24, Jefferson State on Feb. 29, and Northwest Shoals on March 2. All of those games start at 1 p.m.

Shelton State Softball, Spring 2000

Date			
Feb. 18 (Friday)	Central Alabama	Home	1 p.m.
Feb. 26 (Saturday)	Jeff Davis	Home	1 p.m.
Feb. 29 (Tuesday)	Jefferson State	Home	1 p.m.
March 2 (Thursday)	Northwest Shoals	Home	1 p.m.
March 3 (Friday)	Alabama Southern	Home	1 p.m.
March 9 (Thursday)	Gadsden State	Home	1 p.m.
March 10 (Friday)	L.B. Wallace	Away	1 p.m.
March 11 (Saturday)	Beville State	Home	1 p.m.
March 14 (Tuesday)	Northwest-Shoals	Away	1 p.m.
March 16 (Thursday)	Meridian C.C.	Home	2 p.m.
March 17 (Friday)	Wallace-Dothan	Home	1 p.m.
March 18 (Saturday)	Jeff Davis	Away	1 p.m.
March 21 (Tuesday)	Chattahoochee Valley	Away	1:30 p.m.
March 23 (Thursday)	Wallace-Hanceville	Home	1 p.m.
March 25 (Saturday)	Georgia Perimeter	Home	1 p.m.
April 4 (Tuesday)	Jefferson State	Away	1 p.m.
April 7 (Friday)	Southern Union	Home	1 p.m.
April 8 (Saturday)	Chattahoochee Valley	Home	1 p.m.
April 11 (Tuesday)	Central Alabama	Away	1 p.m.
April 14 (Friday)	Meridian C.C.	Away	2 p.m.
April 17 (Monday)	Alabama Southern	Away	1 p.m.
April 19 (Wednesday)	Beville State	Away	3:30 p.m.
April 20 (Thursday)	Wallace-Hanceville	Away	1 p.m.
April 21 (Friday)	Enterprise	Home	3 p.m.
April 24 (Monday)	L.B. Wallace	Home	1 p.m.
April 25 (Tuesday)	Wallace-Dothan	Away	1 p.m.
April 26 (Wednesday)	Enterprise	Away	1 p.m.
April 29 (Saturday)	Faulkner State	Home	1 p.m.
May 5-7 (Fri. - Sun.)	State Tournament		TBA
May 12-13 (Fri. - Sat.)	Regional Tournament		TBA
May 18-20 (Thurs. - Sat.)	National Tournament		TBA

Dixie Terry has athletics deep in her heart

Dixie McCreless-Terry was a three sport All-State athlete at Hatton High School (Hatton, Ala.), graduating in 1989.

She went on to play softball, volleyball, and basketball at Wallace State-Hanceville. During her time at Wallace she was selected to play first base on the White Lightning team out of Birmingham. That team finished third in the nation.

She finished her career playing both softball and volleyball at the Uni-

versity of North Alabama. While at UNA she received

1994 with a Bachelor of Social Work. During her years as a high school and college player, she conducted camps as well as working several years as a volunteer coach. She also volunteered as a softball coach in 1999 at her former high school, helping them win a record 36 games.

Dixie is married to Matt Terry, the Shelton's golf coach.



Head Softball Coach Dixie Terry



Cherrylyn Herrington 2nd,3rd, soph.
outfield
Major: Education/Finance
Sports Played: Softball, basketball
Favorite Athlete: Cindy Martin
"Sensational"
Favorite Food: Rice
Hobbies: Waterski, bowling, skating.



Jennifer McCarty, fresh., Woodham
High, Pensacola, Fla.
Sports Played: Softball
Major: Finance
Favorite Athlete: Brooke Starnes
Favorite Food: Chinese
Hobby: Playing beach volleyball



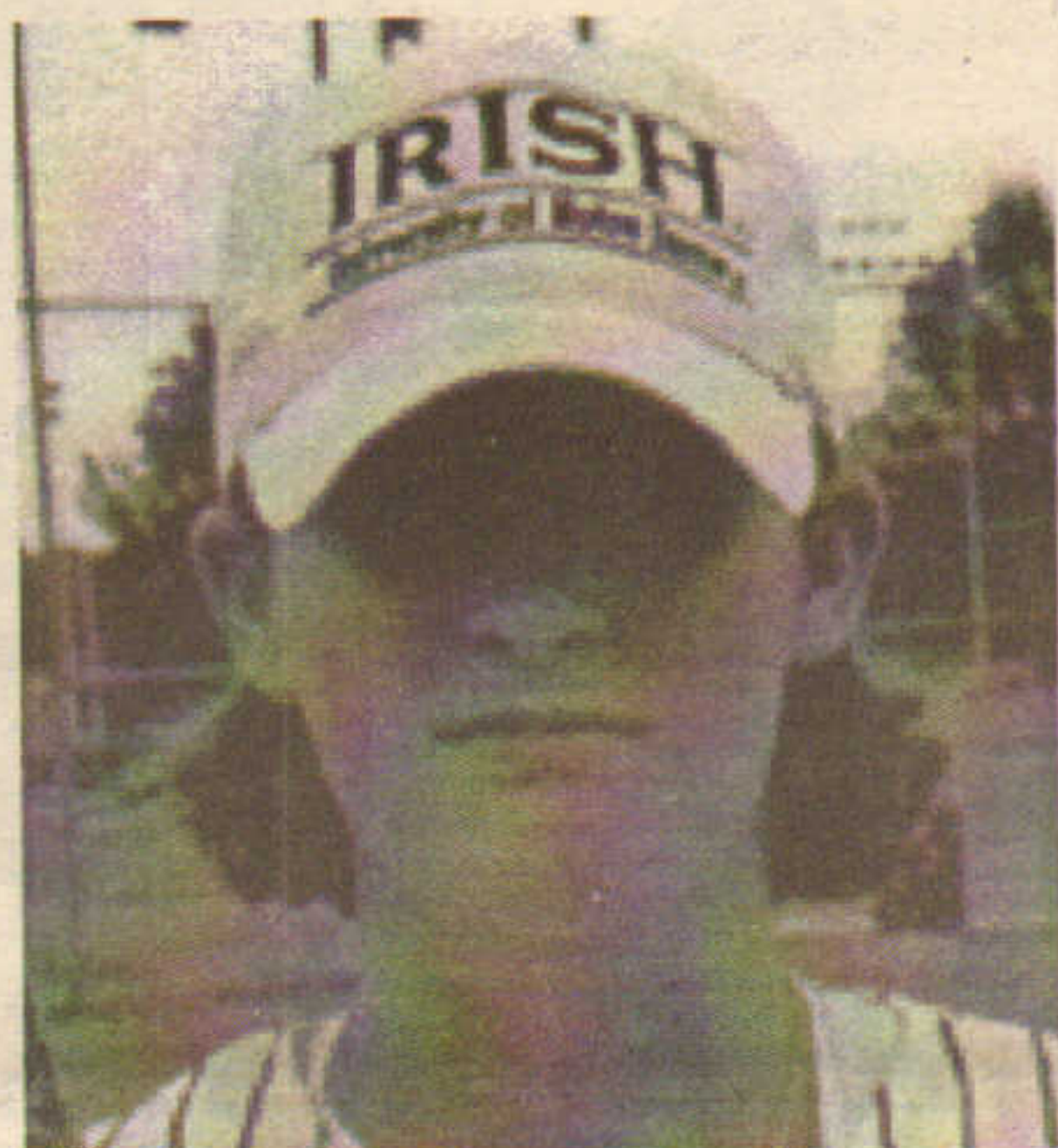
Meredith Whitbeck, outfield, fresh.,
Tuscaloosa County H.S.
Major: Business
Sports Played: Softball
Hobby: Softball



Ashley McKnight, fresh., Open Door
Christian, Tuscaloosa
Sports Played: Basketball
Major: Pharmacy
Favorite Athlete: Sara Smith
Favorite Food: Chicken fingers
Hobbies: Sports



Casie Thorpe, catcher, soph.,
Holt High
Major: Paralegal
Sports Played: Softball
Favorite Food: Steak
Hobbies: Eating



Brooke Starnes, catcher, fresh.,
Central H.S., Tuscaloosa
Major: Civil engineering
Sports Played: Softball
Favorite Food: BBQ ribs
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, riding 4-
wheelers



Angie Stripling, shortstop,
third, soph., Gordo High
Major: Respiratory Therapy
Sports Played: Basketball,
softball
Favorite Athlete: Brittany Ezell
Favorite Food: Wings



Melissa Hall, second base, sopho-
more from Tuscaloosa



Jessica Bobo, fresh.,firstbase
American Christian Academy,
Northport
Major: Nursing
Sports Played: Volleyball, basketball,
softball
Favorite Athlete: Beth Chilcoat
Favorite Food: Caramel apples



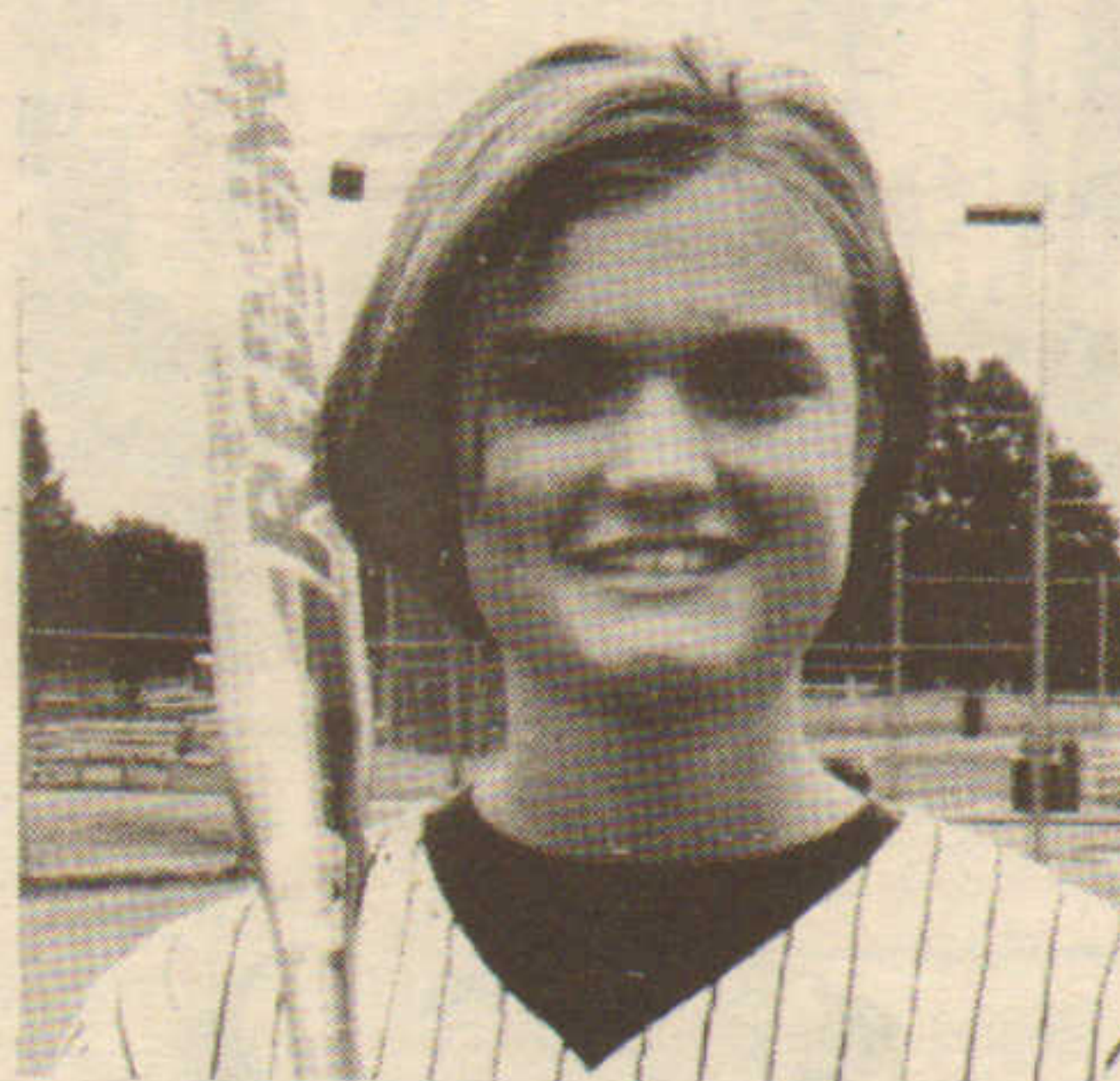
Tequila Herring, 3rd Base, soph.
Brookwood H.S.
Major: Respiratory therapy
Sports Played: Softball
Favorite Athlete: Gabrielle Reese
Favorite Food: Chicken
Hobbies: Softball, volleyball



Jamie Crane, pitcher, third, fresh.
American Christian, Northport
Sports Played: Volleyball, basket-
ball, softball
Favorite Athlete: Beth Chilcoat
Favorite Food: Ice cream



Cindy Martin, centerfield, soph.,
Brookwood H.S.
Major: Nutrition
Sports Played: Softball
Favorite Athlete: Cherry Herrington
Favorite Food: Mexican
Hobbies: Skiing, fishing, softball.



Beth Bowen, firstbase, soph.
Hillcrest High
Major: Education
Favorite Food: Mexican
Hobbies: Softball, shopping



April Montgomery, shortstop,
fresh., Tuscaloosa County High
Major: Pre-med
Sports Played: Softball
Favorite Food: Chinese
Hobbies: Riding 4-wheelers,
gymnastics,



Erin Dernule, outfielder, freshman,
American Christian Academy,
Tuscaloosa
Major: Business
Favorite Food: Wings



Bethany McGothin, pitcher, third
baseman, freshman, American
Christian Academy
Major: Education
Favorite Food: Candy
Sports Played: Volleyball,
basketball, softball



Assistant Coach Jennifer Johnson



Assistant Coach Bobby Ussery



The 1999 team celebrates a victory from their 7-17 season

1999 Buccaneer Batting—First Year of Fast-Pitch

Name	POS	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB	RBI	AVG
Karla Shirley	OF / P	43	107	28	45	5	1	0	11	3	19	.421
Cindy Martin	OF	43	127	25	51	12	6	1	6	15	28	.402
Christy Hanshaw	P	25	31	3	12	4	0	0	2	1	4	.387
Beth Bowen	1B / 2B	23	49	9	17	0	1	0	6	0	7	.347
Angie Stripling	SS / 3B	23	44	8	15	1	0	0	2	2	4	.341
Deana Bracknell	SS / C	40	104	15	31	7	1	0	13	4	11	.298
Melissa Hall	2B / OF	42	93	15	27	3	0	0	4	3	11	.290
Tequila Herring	SS / 3B / P	42	107	18	31	7	1	0	7	5	11	.290
Michelle Dickey	P / 2B	36	94	22	25	2	1	0	16	15	8	.266
Nicole Baker	OF	21	46	10	11	2	1	0	4	5	8	.239
Casie Thorpe	C	39	73	9	17	1	0	0	7	1	6	.233
Tanya Hester	1B / 3B	35	68	11	15	2	0	0	4	6	10	.221
Cherryl Herrington	3B / OF	24	51	13	10	0	1	0	7	10	3	.196
Lindsay Ail	OF / C	36	79	9	15	2	0	0	3	1	11	.190